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PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER
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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111 and 37 C.F.R. 1.53 is the patent application of:

Hajime NODA and Kazuhiro HIRANO

For: Client Information Collecting Method, Client Information Providing Method, Point Assigning Method, Merchandise Information Providing Method, and Merchandise Information Collection Apparatus Using Network

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Certificate of Mailing with Express Mail Mailing Label No. **EL 819 057 919US**
- ☒ 15 (Figs. 1-15) sheets of drawings.
- ☒ A certified copy of a JP2000-184633, 6/20/00 application.
- ☒ Declaration ☒ Signed. ☐ Unsigned.
- ☒ Power of Attorney
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ One Verified Statement(s) to Establish Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.
- ☐ Other:

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CLIENT INFORMATION COLLECTING METHOD, CLIENT INFORMATION PROVIDING METHOD, POINT ASSIGNMENT METHOD, MERCHANDISE INFORMATION PROVIDING METHOD, AND MERCHANDISE INFORMATION COLLECTION APPARATUS

and invented by:

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Application Elements

1. ☒ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. ☒ Specification having 72 pages and including the following:
 - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. ☐ Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
 - c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (if applicable)
 - d. ☐ Reference to Microfiche Appendix (if applicable)
 - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
 - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
 - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings (if drawings filed)
 - h. ☒ Detailed Description
 - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. ☒ Drawing(s) *(when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)*
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4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
a. ☒ Newly executed *(original or copy)* ☐ Unexecuted
b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) *(for continuation/divisional application only)*
c. ☐ With Power of Attorney ☐ Without Power of Attorney
d. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,
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5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference *(usable if Box 4b is checked)*
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Computer Program in Microfiche
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a. ☐ Paper Copy
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Accompanying Application Parts

8. ☒ Assignment Papers *(cover sheet & documents)*
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement *(when there is an assignee)*
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15. ☒ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) *(if foreign priority is claimed)*
16. ☒ Small Entity Statement(s) - Specify Number of Statements Submitted: 1
17. ☐ Additional Enclosures *(please identify below)*:

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18. ☐ Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.

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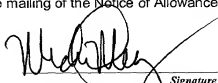
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